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Society of Friends and
affiliated to Bristol

Paris. Sept. 30th 1851.
17 Rue de Clichy.

Dear Mr. Estlin

Dear Mary

Dear Mrs. Nicholl

Let me seem
to her again in Bristol beneath
the light of the White Lilacs,
in the midst of the truest &
tenderest hearts that ever beat
in unison with this battle - Union
of the cause of Liberty, our
gloria with friendship for the
least of its defenders.

But I cannot stop to
"behind the helm of many
battles from my head" - we
must ever talk through the
lives, & having just finished 52 of

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of these pages, principally on the
same subject, my sword-hand
refuses any motions but those
of assault and defence. I got
my Bristol grammar of the 27th
in London, and greatly and I
enjoy it. It may be a long con-
flict, & a disagreeable conflict, and
a manning & difficult conflict. But
the Lord hath delivered them into
our hands.

This then, is the position of
the Society of Friends as defined
by Mr. Charlton. ^{& Mr. Lums.} It can fellowship
slaveholders as christians but not
heretics as abolitionists. It has
found out why the Jews could
have no dealings with the Samaritans
even to save a brother-man fallen
among thieves. It degrades the character
of Christ in order to spare that of the
slaveholder, ^{& calls} it charity. - ^{while} to vindicate
the character of God from the asper-
sion of sanctioning bloodshed & slavery,
it ^{stays} inflexibly. In the conflict now going
on between Freedom & Slavery, its first object

of attack is a free press. It embraces
the advocate of the slaveholder & excom-
municates the advocate of the slave;
tries to ruin the Holy office upon
the ruins of the British & Foreign Society
& makes inquisition for heresy, when
it should be making inquisitions for
blood; - it makes a man ^{in some} offender
for a word ^{in some} cases, while no deed of dark-
ness is black enough to be blamed in
other cases. It bespeaks soft words for
the tyrant & shows calumny &
malefaction upon the Liberator;
Prefers Lewis Lapham to Garrison,
& the defiant opposing of baffled spite
& vanquished sectarianism to that
child of light & love, the American
Anti-Slavery Society. It loves a
dead dog, better than a living lion,
& having chosen bad company, must
be judged by the company it keeps.

But after all, is it fair to ~~take~~
the testimony of the Chantrel &
Mr. Sturge against the Society of friends?
I prefer to judge a tree by its nest.
- I will credit Isaac Lloyd
& the Warrings, & Thomas & Esther Sturge
& Elizabeth Pease, & trust that they

and such as they will redeem the
Society of friends from the calumnies
of John Sturge & Robert Chantton
Have you seen the letter of
John Latrobe, the president of
the Maryland Colonization Society
in the daily news of Sept. 27th?

It is called out by the correspondence
between Victor Hugo & Murray, & shows
how colonization is the second proof
of slavery. What can Samuel
Gurney think to find himself
in fraternal union with men
who sink the existence of the slave
out of sight, & appeal to hatred
& persecutions to aid them in ban-
ishing the dangerous free black from
his native land, & who justify their
inhumanity by a reference to
the divine wisdom in permitting
the slave-trade!! Where is
the quaker's honor of blasphemy
now? He can embrace this man.
I must say adieu for the present
Mr. Chapman.